

2021 RES-320

AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING BORROWING TO INCREASE
FUNDING FOR THE DANE COUNTY JAIL CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

Dane County has budgeted and authorized borrowing for \$150 million to consolidate the current three jail facilities into one and accommodate program improvements, including medical and mental health beds, and improved visitation spaces. The project envisions a smaller, safer jail, with a reduction of 91 beds, or almost 9% of current capacity, and the closing of the inhumane, outdated facility on the 6th and 7th floor of the City-County Building.

Recent market changes mean that the likely cost of the facility will be greater than the amount currently budgeted. The Department of Public Works, working with the Dane County Sheriff's Office and Mead and Hunt, the firm designing the building, estimate the cost overruns to be approximately \$24 million dollars.

After almost a decade of study, debate, and design, it is critical to bring this project to completion. That requires amending the 2022 budget and authorizing borrowing to cover the anticipated shortfall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budgeted amounts in account CPSHRF 57037 "Jail Consolidation" and CPSHRF 87974 "Borrowing Proceeds" be increased by \$24,000,000;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that for the purpose of financing the costs of completing the consolidated jail project, including the costs related to the financing, the County Board authorizes the issuance of not to exceed \$24,480,000.00 general obligation bonds pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes.